**Backward Regions Grant Fund**

2480. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Rs. 5,000 crore Backward Regions Grant Fund has been entrusted to the Ministry for removal of regional disparities and inqualities in 250 backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of districts in Himachal Pradesh this Scheme covers and how much amount out of the fund is estimated to be spent in that State; and

(d) by when the selected districts would start getting benefits of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is designed to redress regional imbalances in development. The BRGF Programmes, approved in the current financial year, has two components, namely. Districts Component covering 250 districts and Special plans for Bihar and the KBK districts of Orissa. A total provision of Rs. 5000 crore has been made for the two components in the Budget of 2006-07. Out of this allocation an amount of Rs. 3750 crore has been placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Panchayti Raj for the Districts component covering 250 districts. The remaining amount of Rs. 1250 crore has been provided in the Demand for Grants of the Ministry of Finance for the Special Plans which are dealt with by the Planning Commission.

(b) A state-wise list of districts covered under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Two districts of Himachal Pradesh, namely, Chamba and Sirmour, are included in the districts covered by the Backward Regions Grant Fund. These districts are also covered under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) which has now been subsumed into the BRGF. Chamba and Sirmour have so far received four instalments amounting to Rs. 30 crore under RSVY. These districts will receive the next two

instalments as per RSVY norms until the entire amount of Rs. 45 crore gets released after which these districts will shift to the BRGF mode of funding. Both the districts can claim Rs. 1 crore each for capacity building under the BRGF programme during the current financial year.

***Statement***

*List of Districts covered under Backward Region Grant Fund*

**Andhra Pradesh**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adilabad | 2 | Anantpur | 3 | Chittoor | 4 | Cuddappah |
| 5 | Karimnagar | 6 | Khammam | 7 | Mahbubnagar | 8 | Medak |
| 9 | Nalgonda | 10 | Nizamabad | 11 | Rangareddy | 12 | Vizianagaram |
| 13 | Warangal | | | | | | |

**Arunachal Pradesh**

1 Upper Subansiri

**Assam**

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| 1 | Barpeta | 2 | Bongaigaon | 3 | Cachar | 4 | Dhemaji |
| 5 | Goalpara | 6 | Hailakandi | 7 | Karbi Anglong | 8 | Kokrajhar |
| 9 | Marigaon | 10 | North Lakhimpur (Laksha) | 11 | North Cachar Hills | | |

**Bihar**

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| 1 | Araria | 2 | Aurangabad | 3 | Banka | 4 | Begusarai |
| 5 | Bhagalpur | 6 | Bhojpur | 7 | Buxar | 8 | Darbhanga |
| 9 | Gaya | 10 | Gopalganj | 11 | Jamui | 12 | Jehanabad |
| 13 | Kaimur/Bhabua | 14 | Katihar | 15 | Kishanganj | 16 | Khagaria |
| 17 | Lakhisarai | 18 | Madhepura | 19 | Mandhubani | 20 | Munger |
| 21 | Muzzarffarpur | 22 | Nalanda | 23 | Nawadah | 24 | Patna |

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| 25 | Pashchim Champaran | 26 | Purba Champaran | 27 | Purnia | 28 | Rohtas |
| 29 | Saharsa | 30 | Samastipur | 31 | Saran | 32 | Sheikhpura |
| 33 | Sheohar | 34 | Sitamarhi | 35 | Supaul | 36 | Vaishali |

**Chhattisgarh**

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| 1 | Bastar | 2 | Bilaspur | 3 | Dantewada | 4 | Dhamtari |
| 5 | Jashpur | 6 | Kanker | 7 | Kawardha | 8 | Korba |
| 9 | Koriya | 10 | Mahasamund | 11 | Raigarh | 12 | Rajnandgaon |
| 13 | Sarguja | | | | | | |

**Gujarat**

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| 1 | Banaskantha | 2 | Dangs | 3 | Dahod | 4 | Narmada |
| 5 | Panch Mahals | 6 | Sabarkantha | | | | |

**Haryana**

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| 1 | Monindergarh | 2 | Sirsa |

**Himachal Pradesh**

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| 1 | Chamba | 2 | Sirmaur |

**Jammu & Kashmir**

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| 1 | Doda | 2 | Kupwara | 3 | Poonch |

**Jharkhand**

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| 1 | Bokaro | 2 | Chatra | 3 | Deoghar | 4 | Dhanbad |
| 5 | Dumka | 6 | Garhwa | 7 | Giridih | 8 | Godda |
| 9 | Gumla | 10 | Hazaribagh | 11 | Jamtara | 12 | Kodarma |
| 13 | Latehar | 14 | Lohardagga | 15 | Pachhim Singhbhum | 16 | Pakaur |
| 17 | Palamu | 18 | Ranchi | 19 | Sahibganj | 20 | Saraikela |
| 21 | Simdega | | | | | | |

**Karnataka**

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| 1 | Bidar | 2 | Chitradurga | 3 | Davangere | 4 | Gulbarga |
| 5 | Raichur | | | | | | |

**Kerala**

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| 1 | Palakkad | 2 | Wynad |

**Madhya Pradesh**

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| 1 | Balaghat | 2 | Barwani | 3 | Betul | 4 | Chhatarpur |
| 5 | Damoh | 6 | Dhar | 7 | Dindori | 8 | Guna |
| 9 | Jhabua | 10 | Katni | 11 | Khandwa | 12 | Mandla |
| 13 | Panna | 14 | Rajgarh | 15 | Rewa | 16 | Satna |
| 17 | Seoni | 18 | Shahdol | 19 | Sheopur | 20 | Shivpuri |
| 21 | Siddhi | 22 | Tikamgarh | 23 | Umaria | 24 | West Nimar |

**Maharashtra**

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| 1 | Ahmednagar | 2 | Amravati | 3 | Aurangabad | 4 | Bhandara |
| 5 | Chandrapur | 6 | Dhule | 7 | Gadchiroli | 8 | Gondia |
| 9 | Hingoli | 10 | Nanded | 11 | Nandurbar | 12 | Yavatmal |

**Manipur**

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| 1 | Chandel | 2 | Churchandrapur | 3 | Tamenlong |

**Meghalaya**

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| 1 | Ri Bhoi | 2 | South Garo Hills | 3 | West Garo Hills |

**Mizoram**

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| 1 | Lawngtlai | 2 | Siaha |

**Nagaland**

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| 1 | Mon | 2 | Tuensang | 3 | Workha |

**Orissa**

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| 1 | Bolangir | 2 | Boudh | 3 | Debagarh | 4 | Dhenkanal |
| 5 | Gajapati | 6 | Ganjam | 7 | Jharsuguda | 8 | Kalahandi |
| 9 | Keonjhar | 10 | Koraput | 11 | Malkangiri | 12 | Mayurbhanj |
| 13 | Nabrangpur | 14 | Nuapada | 15 | Phulbani | 16 | Rayagada |
| 17 | Sambalpur | 18 | Sonapur | 19 | Sundargarh | | |

**Punjab**

1 Hoshiarpur

**Rajasthan**

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| 1 | Banswara | 2 | Barmer | 3 | Chhittaurgarh | 4 | Dungarpur |
| 5 | Jaisalmer | 6 | Jalor | 7 | Jhalawar | 8 | Karoli |
| 9 | Sawai Madhopur | 10 | Sirohi | 11 | Tonk | 12 | Udaipur |

**Sikkim**

1 Sikkim North

**Tamil Nadu**

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| 1 | Cuddalore | 2 | Dindigul | 3 | Nagapattinam | 4 | Sivagangai |
| 5 | Tiruvannamalai | 6 | Villupuram | | | | |

**Tripura**

1 Dhalai

**Uttar Pradesh**

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| 1 | Ambedkar Nagar | 2 | Azamgarh | 3 | Bahraich | 4 | Balrampur |
| 5 | Banda | 6 | Barabanki | 7 | Basti | 8 | Budaun |
| 9 | Chandauli | 10 | Chitrakoot | 11 | Etah | 12 | Farrukhabad |
| 13 | Fetehpur | 14 | Gonda | 15 | Gorakhpur | 16 | Hamirpur |

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| 17 | Hardoi | 18 | Jalaun | 19 | Jaunpur | 20 | Kasuhambi |
| 21 | Kushinagar | 22 | Lakhimpur Kheri | 23 | Lalitpur | 24 | Maharajganj |
| 25 | Mahoba | 26 | Mirzapur | 27 | Pratapgarh | 28 | Raebareli |
| 29 | Sant Kabir Nagar | | | 30 | Shravasti | 31 | Siddharthanagar |
| 32 | Sitapur | 33 | Sonebhadra | 34 | Unnao | | |

**Uttaranchal**

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| 1 | Chamoli | 2 | Champawat | 3 | Tehri Garhwal |

**West Bengal**

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| 1 | Bankura | 2 | Birbhum | 3 | Dakshin Dinajpur | 4 | Jalpaiguri |
| 5 | Malda | 6 | Midnapur East | 7 | Midnapur West | 8 | Murshidabad |
| 9 | Purulia | 10 | South 24 Parganas | 11 | Uttar Dinajpur | | |

**Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan**

2481. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to launch Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan in Goa;

(b) if so, the objective of the programme;

(c) the targets proposed to be achieved; and

(d) the details of essential features of the campaign including pattern of assistance?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The objective of the Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan is to synergise the energy of the youth through the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)